

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.144, As Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	School District - Asthma Policy		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 144, as amended, would require every school district to adopt a policy authorizing a student to self-administer asthma medications. The Bill provides that school districts and its employees would be immune from liability for any injury a student may sustain as a result of self-administering asthma medications.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

State Department of Education

Enactment of this Bill would have a minimal impact on agency expenditures. The cost to the school districts for parent notification required in section 59-63-90 of the Bill is estimated at \$100,500. In addition, there should be little or no impact associated with Section 2 of the Bill dealing with an amendment to the State's Tort Claims Act.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The additional cost associated with this Bill, as amended, results from the requirement to provide parents or legal guardians with notification of available resources pursuant to the IDEA and medical homebound regulations as well as section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as referenced in the original version of the Bill. This additional requirement will increase copying costs.

Approved by:



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